(b) whether the permission to use Ganga water has been taken from the Department of Water Resources, Government of Bihar;

(c) if so, whether the Government of Bihar is being paid in the form of revenue or other financial benefit in return of the use of the water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Kahalgaon draws approximately 1.06 lakh cubic meter (279 lakh US Gallon) water from Ganga river daily for the generation of electricity and other project works.

(b) Necessary permission to draw water from Ganga has been obtained from the erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation, Government of India.

(c) and (d) Water Cess is being paid for the water used by NTPC, Kahalgaon as per rates prescribed by the concerned authorities in Bihar. Water Cess paid to Bihar State Pollution Control Board for the last two years are as follows :

Year	**Water Cess Paid**
1999-2000	Rs. 18.73 lakhs
2000-2001	Rs. 19.67 lakhs

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Shifting the power grid office to Shillong

4053. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that power grid office of North-Eastern Region at Guwahati is not attended by higher officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that these officials are working mostly from Shillong;

(c) whether it is a fact that they are trying to shift it from Guwahati to Shillong; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for shifting of this office from Guwahati ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) After the completion of the Kathalguri Transmission Project, the manpower posted at Guwahati office

has been optimized for its utilisation for the operation and maintenance of transmission lines and sub-stations. The office of powergrid located at Guwahati is headed by an officer of Powergrid and he is attending the office at Guwahati.

(c) There is no proposal to shift the Guwahati office of powergrid to Shillong.

(d) Does not arise.

Educating officials by ENRON

†4054. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to initiating Dabhol Power Project in the country, the Enron had spent Rs. 64 crore on educating the officers of banking sector of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it had spent similar amount on educating persons of other categories too; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Requirement of money per month for normal functioning of SEBs

†4055. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of money required per month for normal functioning of State Electricity Boards of the country;

(b) the amount of losses being incurred by the loss making SEBs;

(c) the present income of State Electricity Boards, State-wise, in the country and the details of their income in each State during the year 2000-2001; and

(d) the State-wise percentage of transmission losses in the State Electricity Boards alongwith the amounts thereof ?

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